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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attached please find Form PTO-1449 together with the references as stated in the specification and further cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

- EP 0 617 260 A1 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification. The reference discloses a level sensor for vehicles and has been cited in the International Search Report under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- DE 101 10 738 C1 as discussed on Page 3 of the specification. The reference discloses a ball joint steering mechanism and associated position sensor arrangement for motor vehicle use has a robust arrangement of permanent magnet signaler whose movement is detected by a sensor and has been cited in the International Search Report under Category A

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Enclosed: PTO/SB/80a Form
copy of International Search Report
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